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To: VW Settlement
Subject: VW Settlement Money Should Be Invested in Vehicle Electrification and Charging

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Dear Director Ray Farmer,

My husband and I own a Chevy Volt that we purchased at Jud Kuhn Chevrolet. Most days, I can drive on the charge only, and not use the gasoline back up. I am proud that we have low emissions, and that our children with asthma and our seniors with COPD and other breathing issues have cleaner air.

The State of South Carolina will be receiving almost \$34 million to reduce diesel emissions as part of the Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust and this money should be invested in vehicle electrification and charging equipment.

Investing in an electric vehicle future for South Carolina would lower costs to taxpayers and consumers and reduce pollution, making for a healthier environment and better public health.

The State has identified the funding priorities of bus upgrades and the installation of light-duty zero emission vehicle supply equipment.

The supply equipment allocation should be the full allowable 15% and should go toward electric vehicle charging equipment, and the remaining 85% should be used on electrification of our state's bus fleet.

The Workhorse is a work truck that has been developed to have an excellent range from charge and a gas back up. This is the kind of truck that SC government employees should be driving. The W-15 even has an electric outlet, so that power tools can be used in remote areas. This is worth more than a look!

We need every school to be a B2 school- no idling by buses, delivery vehicles or the pick up line. It's common sense. Let's invest in our electric vehicle fleet. This is an excellent program that SC DHEC has implemented in a few schools. Asthma absences have been reduced at these schools!

Electric buses have very low operating costs compared to other fuels, and each electric bus would save approximately \$200,000 in fuel and maintenance costs over the vehicle's lifetime. Additionally, electric buses do not pollute like fossil fueled buses do, which protects the environment and public health. This is especially important for school buses, to spare children from exposure to diesel fumes which can cause or exacerbate serious respiratory diseases.

Thank you for taking my comments.

Sincerely,
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